GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

P.S- Roads & Buildings Department- Allegations on irregularities in the tender process of R&B works in Ongole District - Article of charges issued – WSDs submitted - Further action dropped - Orders- Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (VIG.R&B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 126 Dated: 03-05-2021.
Read the following:-

1. From DG,GA(V&E) Deptt Appraisal report No.46 (10006/V&E/E/2015) , Dt.04.05.2017.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.248, 249,250, TR&B (Vig.R&B) Dept., dated:5.6.2018.
3.From the CE(R&B) Admn., A.P., Vij., Letter.No.4177/VC(1)/2017,Dt.09.10.2020 & 06.11.2020.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government vide reference 1st read above that Sri P.C. Ramesh Kumar, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Ongole and other concerned officials connected with tender processing for the lapses pointed out in evaluating technical bids and for causing loss of Rs.3,21,355/- to the Government exchequer by awarding work to highest quoted bidder by disqualifying lowest quoted bidders after opening technical bids based on letters of bidders which is irregular in connection with allegations of irregularities in the tender process of R&B Works in Ongole Dist.

2. Article of Charges were framed against 1) Sri E.Niranjan Babu, Technical Officer, O/o SE (R&B) Circle, Ongole, Now T.O., O/o the SE (R&B) Circle, Nellore 2) Sri K.Narasimhulu, Dy. SE(R&B) Circle, Ongole; 3) Sri P.C. Ramesh Kumar, SE(R&B) Circle, Ongole (now CE (R&B), Buildings, A.P., Vijayawada) vide G.O.Rt.Nos.248, 249 and 250, dated:5.6.2018. Articles of charge was not issued to Sri V.S.Hanumantha Rao, the then ATO as he was demised at that time.

3. The CE(R&B) Admn., A.P., Vijayawada, while forwarding the WSDs of the charged officers vide reference 3rd read above has requested the Government to consider the recommendations of the Chief Engineer (R&B) Major District Roads and Chief Engineer (R&B) State Highways and Managing Director, A.P.R.D.C., for dropping further action against Sri E.NiranjanBabu, the then Technical Officer (Retired on 30.04.2020) and Sri P.C.Ramesh Kumar, the then Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle, Ongole and further action may be abated against Sri K.Narasimhulu, the then Deputy Superintending Engineer (R&B) Ongole who Expired on 20.01.2019, as there is no fnancial loss caused to the Government.

4. Government, after careful examination of the written statements of defence of all Charged Officers and in the light of the report of the Chief Engineer (R&B) Administration, Vijayawada, it is decided to drop further action against Sri E.Nirajan Babu, TO (retired on 30.04.2020) and to warn Sri P.C.Ramesh Kumar, the then SE (R&B) Ongole for not assigning any reasons in disqualifying the three bidders and to be more careful and vigilant in future, while awarding tenders at bidding stage.

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5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri E.Nirajan Babu, TO (retired on 30.04.2020) and to warn Sri P.C.Ramesh Kumar, the then SE (R&B) Ongole for not assigning any reasons in disqualifying the three bidders and to be more careful and vigilant in future, while awarding tenders at bidding stage.

6. The Engineer- in-Chief (R&B), Administration, A.P shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.T.KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer- in-Chief (R&B), Administration A.P., Vijayawada
The individuals through ENC (R&B) Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission A.P Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department, A.P Secretariat.
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad
Sf/Sc

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER